

REMARKS

This paper is being provided in response to the Office Action mailed October 22, 2003, for the above-referenced application. In this response, Applicants have cancelled claims 1-12, 19-28, 35-46 and 53-62 without prejudice or disclaimer of the subject matter thereof and have amended and added other claims, as discussed below, in accordance with the indication of allowable subject matter. Applicants respectfully submit that the amendments to the claims and the new claims are fully supported by the originally-filed specification.

Applicant thanks the Examiner for indicating that claims 13-18, 29-34, 47-52 and 63-103 contain allowable subject matter. Claims 13 and 69 have been rewritten in independent form to incorporate the features of the base claim and any intervening claims and claims 14-18, 29-34, 47-52 and 63-103 depend thereon. Further, Applicants have added new claims 104-125 based on the allowed subject matter of claim 103. Accordingly, Applicants respectfully submit that these claims are all allowable over the prior art of record.

The rejection of claims 1-12, 19-28, 35-46 and 53-62 under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 6,312,836 to Bulovic et al. (hereinafter "Bulovic") has been made moot by cancellation herein of those claims.

Based on the above, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider and withdraw all outstanding rejections and objections. Favorable consideration and allowance are earnestly solicited. Should there be any questions after reviewing this paper, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at 617-248-4038.

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